

For the past ten years, the JOBS program (Job Opportunities for Brookline Seniors) has been flourishing as a grant-funded program that matches Brookline residents sixty years and older with local employment opportunities at no charge to either party.

While retirement can be appealing and fulfilling for many, there are some who need work to supplement social security income or help pass the time and offer some structure to their day. We hear from employers that this is a win-win situation benefiting everyone, as older workers are reliable and dependable with proven experience and a work ethic that is hard to match.

While part-time work is in great demand, some seniors are looking for full-time employment. JOBS clients have been placed in a variety of fields including office work, teaching, sales, food service, driving, telemarketing and others. Currently salaries range from \$8.00 to \$20.00 hourly.

JOBS continually seeks new job listings and new applicants. Employers are encouraged to hire Brookline's competent older workers as a solution to their work force needs, from lunch-time coverage to full-time positions. Job applicants can benefit from our job bank and matching services, as well our informational and educational programs on how to conduct an effective job search in our increasingly high tech business and office environments.

As an adjunct to our JOBS program, we recommend that all employment seekers acquire

computer literacy and skills. The Brookline Senior Center is pleased to offer computer training to seniors including basic and advanced courses in conjunction with Brookline Adult Education. All courses are held in the computer lab at the Senior Center and taught by patient professionals who are happy to help job seekers gain or increase their computer skills and confidence. For information about the program or our course offerings contact Michael Toon, Computer Education Program Manager, at 617-730-2782.

The JOBS program can be reached by phoning JOBS Coordinator Deidre Waxman at 617-730-2767. Or Email to: Deidre_Waxman@town.brookline.ma.us